

Tuesday, December 29, 2021

ALUMNI SESSION

TALK GENERAL INFORMATION SHUGENTRAN A/L VARATHAN

JOHOR - On 29th December 2020, an industrial talk was held through Cisco Webex from 10 a.m to 11 a.m. The talk was an alumni sharing session about inspiring work experience and Covid 19 pandemic challenge. The moderator of the talk was Dr Johanna Ahmad, senior lecturer School of Computing, UTM and there were 4 alumni invited but unfortunately, one of them could not make it to the talk. Hence, the remaining 3 alumni shared their work and studying experience. The first alumni was Tan Yong Keong who obtained a degree in Software Engineer and works as Data Science Engineer at Micron Semiconductor Asia Operations Pte Ltd. Second alumni is Batrisyia Binti Azman Shah obtained a Data Engineering degree and she is a Social Media Data Analyst at TM One. Lastly, Mohammad Zamarul Akmal bin Mohd Hussin obtained a degree in Data Engineering and currently works as a Data Engineer at PPG Coatings(M) Sdn Bhd.

This will help improve our technical skills and gives us experience on the job. We must prepare a nicely tailored resume which makes us look professional. Companies will tend to hire a student with good technical & soft skills. YK also talks about what we could expect during job interviews. Based on his experience, companies tend to ask about your previous projects, like your final year projects and coursework project, achievements and participation in competitions which includes the roles that we play in those kinds of competitions.

of to become a successful graduate because the alumni shared how do they manage to obtain their degree, Different perspective were shared. I too gained tips about how to improvise my skills to get myself hired in the future.



QISTINA BATRISYIA FAIZUL HAZWAN BIN ZULKEPLE

JOHOR - Some of the tips she shared was we must be proactive and constantly look for new opportunities to gain experience and knowledge. For example, when we are given a task that are new to us, we shouldn't wait for somebody to teach us about it and try to find solutions either by ourselves. The second thing that she talked about is to not limit ourselves and learn new things since there are plenty of things that can be learned in work. This can be done by participating in projects and expand our knowledge and experience. During the second part of the talk, she shared some of her tips on how to gain confidence. First thing that we can do is by joining a lot of programs that requires us to present our projects and speak up more and try not to be shy.

IRSYAD ROS BIN HISYAM ROS
JOHOR-I think that this talk is well conducted as it teaches us on what to do as graduates which concerns the future of our careers in mind. The talk seems to provide well elaborated Do's and Don'ts with great examples of the experience of the speakers themselves. The speakers have great speaking skills and presented their facts well which made me interested and engaged in the talk which made me quite moved to start and join more activities alongside considering to take up on part time jobs to gain some experience.



UTM School of Computing
SCHOOL OF COMPUTER ALUMNI SHARING SESSION:
INSPIRING WORK EXPERIENCE AND COVID 19 PANDEMIC CHALLENGE
29 DECEMBER 2020
10:00 - 11:00 AM
Moderator: Dr. Johanna Ahmad, Senior Lecturer, School of Computing UTM
Speakers: Batrisyia Binti Azman Shah (Social Media Data Analyst, TM One), Tan Wen Leng (Software Engineer, Damon Intelligence), Mohammad Zamarul Akmal bin Mohd Hussin (Data Engineer, PPG Coatings (M)), Tan Yong Keong (Data Science Engineer, Micron Semiconductor Asia)

ZAMARUL AKMAL

PURPOSE OF THE TALK
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JOHOR - The purpose of the talk is alumni share their work experience in this covid 19 pandemic and also how they manage to secure a job although many fresh undergraduates are unemployed. Moreover, the talk taught participants how to overcome covid 19 pandemic challenges.

CHRONOLOGICAL ORDER
IRSYAD ROS BIN HISYAM ROS

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| 10:00am | Dr Johanna Ahmad introduced the speakers and they too shared briefly about themselves. |
| 10:10am | Yong Keong talks about what he did to secure his current job. |
| 10:15am | The speakers talk about how to train our confidence and stay motivated. |
| 10:26am | The speakers talk about the difference between study life and career life. |
| 10:37am | Q&A session started between the talk participants & speakers. |
| 10:44am | Qistina talks about the technologies and data interpreted for her company, TM. |
| 10:47am | Zamarul talks about how the companies treat him |
| 10:50am | The speakers talk about their first year experience as a university student. |
| 11:00am | The talk ended |

TAN YONG KEONG(YK)
IRSYAD ROS BIN HISYAM ROS

JOHOR-Whenever we can, we should join competitions. This is to improve our professional and presentation skills where we need to talk about our ideas maturely. In short, we must balance our education with co-curriculum. Another thing we could seek part time jobs during our studies.

MUQRISYA BT MAT NOOR
JOHOR - He gave 2 tips to be prepared for the job life, which are the first one is learning new technical skill. We can learn it through online learning courses such as EDX for free. We also can attach this in our resume. Secondly, soft skill is an important skill. We should have good communication skill to present our ideas to people. We need to be an easy-going person with our teammates by communicate with them always. During his university life, he joined lots of programs where he volunteered himself to present to the clients about projects to keep on getting motivated every day. Other than that, the company never treated him as a slave during his internship and he never gets low wage because of his contibution. He also never went through an overworking experience. Lastly, he said we can still cope with job unrelated with our degree course if we have the fundamental knowledge of it.

SUMMARY
FAIZUL HAZWAN BIN ZULKEPLE

JOHOR-In this talk, we have learned a lot about what we can do to improve on as an undergraduate to be successful and how to attract employers more easily. It also gives us an insight on how and what employers are looking for when hiring.

REFLECTIONS
SHUGENTRAN A/L VARATHAN

JOHOR-In my opinion, the strength of the talk is there are alumni from various workspace and graduates from different periods. They shared a lot of their work experience during covid 19 pandemic. The only weakness is time limit for the sharing session is just one hour which is not enough for many students to ask their questions to the alumnis. The talk had taught me that I have many options to think

FAIZUL HAZWAN BIN ZULKEPLE

JOHOR-In my opinion the strength of this talk is that is delivered by people with experience and are relatable to us since they are fresh graduates. The only weakness that I can point out is that the limited time that is given for them to answer all of the questions that is given by the viewers. This session has given me a lot if insight regarding what I need to improve as a student in order to be employed more easily. This gives me a lot of motivation for me to improve myself and participate in more events so that I can be ready after graduating.



MUQRISYA BT MAT NOOR
JOHOR-Personally, I get to

know more about job life for a fresh undergraduate student like them. Also, the talk taught me on how to manage time well and enhance soft skill. Other than that, employer also look for our self confidence. We need to practice it in university life such as volunteering ourselves to present ideas and others. Self-confidence is also important as this is going to give the impression from the employers or the clients. This talk has given me more motivation keep striving and explore more skills rather than learning skills.

